

Hon Kelvin Davis

MP for Te Tai Tokerau

Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Minister for Children

Minister of Corrections

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Thomas Harvey

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Tēnā koe Thomas

I refer to your email dated 7 November 2021, requesting “...all information you hold in a ministerial capacity regarding the definition or use of the term “social licence” in my capacity as the Minister of Corrections. Your request has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

I do not hold any information in my capacity as the Minister of Corrections regarding the use or definition of the term ‘social licence’. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

I will advise, however, that Corrections delivers an essential public service in prisons and communities. Corrections officials work in challenging environments to keep our communities safe and help people make positive changes to their lives. They recognise that given the nature of their work, they must uphold the highest standard of conduct. I have met people who have transformed their lives with the help of Corrections staff and a focus on health, education, rehabilitation, reintegration and overall wellbeing.

You can find out more about Corrections’ work in their 2020/21 Annual Report which available on their website here:

<https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/strategic-reports/annual-reports/annual-report-20202021>

I trust the information provided is of assistance. If you have any concerns with this response you may raise them with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelvin Davis".

Hon Kelvin Davis
Minister of Corrections